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SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 1913.

The man who says one vote doesn't
count gets another rebuke in the re-
sult of the ballot on the license ques-
tion at the last town meeting in
Gardner, Mass. Judge Bradley of the
supreme court has dismissed the pe-
tition which asked that certain bal-
lots wrongly marked be counted and
the town goes into the no-license col-
umn by a margin of one on a total
vote of 2253.

The new chief justice of the su-
preme court of Maine is a native of
Vermont and a graduate of Dartmouth
college, but those facts do not mini-
mize against him. Judge Alfred R. Sav-
age first saw the light of day in Ryegate
in 1848, and his degree was re-
ceived from the institution in Hanover
in 1871. Judge Savage has been
on the bench of the higher courts of
Maine 15 years and is one of the best
loved men of the whole state.

The prosperity of Canada is re-
flected in the government's report for
its fiscal year, which ended April 1.
The trade of the country for the first
time passed the billion dollar mark,
the increase in the year being about
\$150,000,000. The minister of finance
paid off last fall a loan of \$6,000,000
negotiated by his predecessor, and ex-
pects to be able to report a surplus
of \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000. "The
year 1912-'13 is easily the greatest in
the Dominion's history in practically
every respect," writes the Montreal
Gazette's joyous Ottawa correspon-
dent, "and the country is plainly on
the flood of good times."

The Meddler
"If the coat fits you, put it on."

While none of us would willingly
admit that disinterested courtesy is a
rare virtue, yet it is always a heart-
warming experience to meet with a
fine example, and gratifying to find
Brattleboro its native hearth. During
a particularly heavy shower of recent
occurrence, a lady of this town (who
cheerfully admits that she is neither
young nor beautiful), had the misfor-
tune to be on Main street when the
downpour began, a mile from home,
with no umbrella. Going into a store
to wait for the clouds to roll by, these
facts were stated to the clerk who
came forward to ascertain her wants.
After a considerable time, the deluge
continuing, and the 6 o'clock closing
hour approaching, the clerk offered the
lady his own umbrella, saying that as
he lived on the line he would make
use of the street car in reaching his
own home. If the gentleman bade a
mental farewell to his umbrella, as he
relinquished it to a stranger, whose
name he did not know, not a trace of
his thoughts appeared in his counte-
nance. And this after all the printer's
ink which has been spread upon um-
brella jokes!

Which one of Brattleboro's restau-
rant proprietors would allow the floor
to be swept while a patron was dining
or would serve food on dirty dishes?
Don't all speak at once. Think what
the mental state of a specialist on
house economics must be when taking
refreshment under such conditions.
The local restaurants received a rather
severe arraignment a few days ago
at the hands of Miss Bertha Terrill,
of the home economics department of
the University of Vermont, who spoke
before the Brattleboro Woman's club.
Arriving at the Brooks House too late
for dinner, she asked to be directed

to "the best restaurant in town." She
stated in the course of her ad-
dress that while she was at dinner a
young woman began sweeping the
floor, also that traces of food on the
dishes showed what was served for
breakfast.

The Meddler's attention is called to
the fact that in various places around
town, loose paper has been deposited
on the dumps, and the brisk winds of
the past few days have scattered it
in quantities over lawns, gardens and
yards at considerable distances from
its original resting place. A little
forethought on the part of those who
wish to be rid of it, and a few minutes
spent in tying it firmly in bundles,
or putting in paper sacks, would save
much annoyance and unsightliness.

OUR QUESTION BOX

What was the vote in the Barber-
Moran town representative fight and
what year was it?

On Sept. 1, 1908, Herbert G. Bar-
ber, republican nominee for town rep-
resentative from Brattleboro, was
elected on the second ballot, defeating
Michael J. Moran, democratic and citi-
zens' nominee. On the first ballot the
result was as follows: Total, 1,537;
necessary for a choice, 779; H. G. Bar-
ber, 754; M. J. Moran, 625; William
Fanning, 144; scattering and defectives,
34. The result of the second
ballot was: Total, 1,591; necessary for
a choice, 796; H. G. Barber, 809; M.
J. Moran, 712; William Fanning, 69;
scattering and defectives, 19. Mr. Bar-
ber had a majority of 13.

Can you tell me what the cost of a
modern battleship is?

The complete cost of one of the
modern battleships is about \$11,200,-
000. The cost of armor, armament
and equipment is estimated at 75 per
cent of the cost of the hull and ma-
chinery.

Please give the number of persons
on whom the death penalty is exe-
cuted in a year in the United States,
or the approximate number.

Of course the number varies from
year to year. There were 92 execu-
tions in 1908, 107 in 1909, 104 in 1910,
61 in 1911 and 128 in 1912, the year
in each case ending on Nov. 15. In
1912 the death penalty was inflicted in
the states as follows: Alabama 4,
Arkansas 8, California 4, Connecticut
2, Colorado 1, Florida 3, Georgia 3,
Illinois 6, Kentucky 4, Massachusetts
5, Maryland 1, Mississippi 7, Missouri
1, New York 21, New Jersey 4,
North Carolina 4, Nevada 2, Ohio 1,
Pennsylvania 6, South Carolina 5,
Tennessee 2, Texas 4, Utah 6, Ver-
mont 1, Washington 2, Wyoming 2,
Virginia 6.

Where can I get the bean sometimes
called coffee-bean?

This is the fruit of the Kentucky
coffee tree, which is found in the mid-
dle section of the Mississippi. It
grows sparsely and bears pods six to
ten inches long early in the autumn,
containing a number of hard, grayish
seeds, called coffee-nuts, from the fact
that they were once used, unsuccessfully,
as a substitute for coffee. We
do not know what commercial value
these seeds have, or where they could
be obtained outside of the natural
region of the tree. The tree is some-
times used for lumber.

1. How can I clean a meerschaum
pipe that did not color correctly and
has some scratches on it? 2. Can I
restore it to its original color.

1. It should be boiled in wax to
bring out the color, provided, that is,
that it has been used enough to lay
the foundation for coloring. The
scratches can be removed by having
the surface re-waxed. 2. No.

Will you tell me when the open-
ing and celebration of the Panama
canal will take place?

The opening of the Panama canal
and the 40th anniversary of the dis-
covery of the Pacific ocean will be
celebrated by an international exposi-
tion in San Francisco in 1915. Steps
with that end in view were taken in
1910, when a guaranty fund of \$17,-
500,000 was raised.

J. G. Ullery's Papers Received.
(Barre Times.)

Papers have been received in this
city endorsing the candidacy of J. G.
Ullery of Brattleboro for the office of
collector of customs for the district of
Memphremagog. Among those who
have sent their endorsement of Mr.
Ullery to the president are Charles H.
Robb of the court of appeals for the
District of Columbia, Senator Carroll
S. Page of Washington, D. C., and
Hyde Park, H. C. Rice, editor of the
Brattleboro Reformer, N. G. Williams
of Bellows Falls, president of the
Vermont Farm Machine company, and
former chief of staff for Ex-Governor
George H. Prouty, P. L. Houghton of
Brattleboro, secretary of the Holstein
Friesian association of America, C. H.
Pratt of the Vermont Savings bank of
Brattleboro.

J. G. Ullery is the Windham county
member of the Democratic state com-
mittee and also served on the state
campaign committee. One of the men
who has sent his endorsement of Mr.
Ullery to the president, describes the
prospective collector as "a Democrat
in fair weather and foul." It is not
known to what extent the papers will
be circulated in Barre.

At the Library

Books of Practical Information

Burroughs, John.—Time and Change.

The larger number of these essays
deal very pleasantly with various
phases of geology and evolution and
show an abiding interest in, and a
considerable knowledge of the history
of the earth and its life. Into his ob-
servations Mr. Burroughs has intro-
duced much of the illuminating comment
and wise philosophy his readers have
learned to expect of him.

Crawford, Mary C.—Romantic Days in
the Early Republic.

Pictures entertainingly the early
social life in Boston, New York, Phil-
adelphia, Washington, Baltimore,
Charleston, Richmond, and New Or-
leans, with which many celebrated and
charming people were identified.

Ellis Havelock.—The Task of Social
Hygiene.

Contents: The changing status of
woman; the new aspect of the
woman's movement; the emancipation
of woman in relation to romantic
love; the significance of a falling
birth-rate; eugenics and love; reli-
gion and the child; the problem of
sexual hygiene, immorality and the
law; the war against war; the problem
of an international language; individ-
ualism and socialism.

Eleven papers which as a whole pre-
sent admirably and sanely the modern,
scientific attitude toward the diversi-
fied problems involved in the task of
enobling and purifying our common
life. The introduction traces the
course of social reform during the
past century and summarizes the fac-
tors that enter into the problem of so-
cial hygiene.

Fisher, Dorothy Canfield.—A Montes-
sori Mother.

A very interesting presentation of
the Montessori system from the view-
point of a keen, well-educated Ameri-
can mother who studied it in the Casa
dei Bambini of the Franciscan Nuns
in Rome, and who returned to ap-
ply it so far as possible in her own
home. She describes with some detail
the teacher's attitude toward the chil-
dren and the apparatus used, and
points out the superiority of both of
the old manners and methods.

Galsworthy, John.—The Inn of Tran-
quillity.

Intimate and original thoughts of a
poetic and musing, observing mind, in
sympathy with the beauty and mys-
tery of nature and the pathos, mistakes
and hopes of man as an individual
and as a member of society. Varied
in form—dialogues, character sketches,
familiar and informal essays—and
subtle and felicitous in style.

Hergemann, Lindnerone, Frau Lohse.
—In the Courts of Memory, 1858-
1875, From Contemporary Letters.

These letters, beginning with 1856
when the writer was a child living in
Cambridge, Mass., and ending in Paris
in 1875, deal largely with the gaities
of the French court, in which, as the
young and brilliant wife of a wealthy
American banker and as a beautiful
singer, she was prominent until the
fall of the empire in 1870. They are
very informal letters home, are charm-
ing, natural, straightforward and
fresh, and give interesting views of
the Emperor and Empress, Au-
ber, Liszt, Gounod, Jennie Lind, Wagner,
Bernhardt and many others.

A Part of the New Law Game.
(Waterbury Record.)

It is not unkind to say that it is
a part of the law game to disagree.
Thus in a way it may be an excuse
for lawyers disagreeing with Attorney
General Brown in his ruling as to
what constitutes legal non-taxable 5
per cent paper. Up to the supreme
court.

A Business Proposition.
(St. Albans Messenger.)

The citizens of Burlington are con-
sidering the commission form of gov-
ernment. St. Albans was in the con-
sidering stage a long time ago, but for
reasons which did not affect the worth
of the proposed plan, it was decided
to stick to the old and costly methods
of municipal regulation. Sometime St.
Albans will be in the list of commis-
sion cities and the sooner the better.
For running a city is a business pro-
position entirely and should be taken
out of the realm of politics.

What Every Town Needs.
(Burlington Clipper.)

Brattleboro has a civic improve-
ment league which does much good in
benefiting that progressive place. Normal
dues are 50 cents for men, women pay
25 cents and children 10 cents. That
is the proper spirit. Organizations
without dues are a nonentity. When
dues are paid then members feel
they belong to something and that it
means something.

What's the matter with forming a
civic improvement league in every
town in the state?

Give it a Trial.
(Groton Times.)

Just at present the new tax law
is the subject of comment among Ver-

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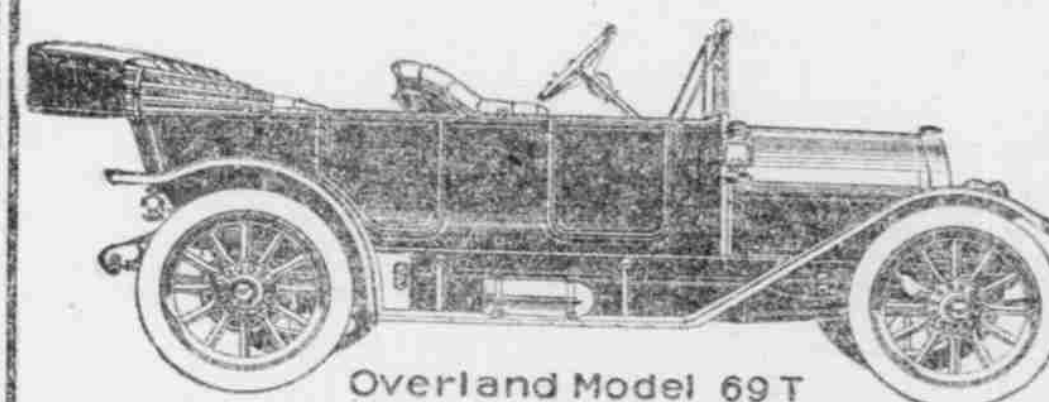
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